

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

DOINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES.

Information gathered at the Capitol, in the Departments, and about Town by the Reporters of the National Republican.

Executive.

Inspired by no special files, the report with pen and ink, has been written on the people's press.

For the people's chief, hope and pride, Nor threat nor bribe can bribe the side From duty's path, whatever be the price.

Comrades, the battle's fought and won, With sword of truth and wisdom's gun, By old New York's first, favorite son, "Excelsior!"

To save the broken—no too late To save our blood-guilt from state— And squelch her squalid's claim!— "Excelsior!"

"He's proud and haughty"—aye, to those, His country's state, and ev'ry foe, The Union soldier better knows— "Excelsior!"

For when they crossed the line's path, Unyielding, alone, in righteous wrath, He moved them down, and said— "Excelsior!"

We welcome back with hearty cheer To countless friends and Empire's State, Her statesmen active, good and great— "Excelsior!"

And pray kind Heaven's choicest store On him and his for evermore, With merry Christmas— "Excelsior!"

NEW YORK, XMAS EVE.

Reports of American Cheeses.

A statement has been prepared under the direction of Mr. Edward Young, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, showing the exports of cheese from the United States each year from 1790 to 1877. In the first year there were shipped 145,000 pounds. In 1800 it had increased to 1,000,000. From that time to 1860 the growth was rapid. In 1860 it was 14,000,000; in 1861, 15,000,000; in 1862, 16,000,000; in 1863, 17,000,000; in 1864, 18,000,000; in 1865, 19,000,000; in 1866, 20,000,000; in 1867, 21,000,000; in 1868, 22,000,000; in 1869, 23,000,000; in 1870, 24,000,000; in 1871, 25,000,000; in 1872, 26,000,000; in 1873, 27,000,000; in 1874, 28,000,000; in 1875, 29,000,000; in 1876, 30,000,000; in 1877, 31,000,000.

Similar tables, covering the same period of time, relating to the different articles of American produce which are exported, are in process of preparation and will be ready for publication in a few days.

Holiday Week in the Departments.

The holiday of the Government employees in the different executive departments has not ended with Christmas day, as the intention is to make the entire week one of ease and relief from labor as far as it can be consistent with the necessities of the service. The Secretary will be in his office until the end of the week.

Mr. Caldwell, chief of the Executive Mansion until Friday, unless some extraordinary emergency should require it, and so far as his official duties are concerned, will be absent for a few days a period of great quietude.

The President was at work in his office yesterday, and was visited by a number of his friends, among whom were Mr. William H. Hunt, Mr. John L. Thomas, collector of customs at Baltimore, and Mr. John L. Thomas, collector of customs at Baltimore.

Arizona Indians Punished.

The following telegram was received at the War Department yesterday:

"SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26, 1877.—Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.: Kautz has received dispatch from Camp Bowie, Arizona, dated December 25, 1877, stating that a party of five cavalry, returned, stating that they had killed mail riders, and had taken from the train, fifteen dead Indians found on the ground, more killed, and more taken."—McClure's Weekly.

From the Texas Salt Pits.

Telegram from the War Department yesterday in relation to recent events in San Elizario and El Paso, Texas. Although the dispatches have not been made public, and it is stated that no news prevails there, it is understood that the United States troops, and the soldiers upon to assist the sheriff in making arrests, and that resistance was offered by the mob were killed. It is also stated that after the mob were made two of the prisoners were taken out and lynched by the rangers.

Proposed New Postal Stamp.

The Postmaster General has an excellent specimen of the new, two and three cent denominations, to be prepared with enclosed borders of white around the rest of the design, with the object of obtaining another safe-guard against the "wash-out" of the stamps. It is understood that the official adoption of the new design will be ordered in a short time.

The Concurrence Fund.

The President yesterday received a letter from Philadelphia containing the dollar, which the concurrence of the writer has turned him to return to the government. The letter was signed "R. E. Punt." The money was turned over to the Treasury to swell the concurrence fund.

The Ways and Means Committee.

The various sub-committees of the Ways and Means Committee have been diligently at work upon the different subjects assigned to their charge. There will be a meeting of the full committee January 4, at which several of the sub-committees will submit reports.

The Thalian Entertainment.

The Opera House was literally packed last night, on the occasion of the complimentary entertainment given by the Thalian Club, and the audience throughout the play evinced the strongest appreciation of the local talent displayed. The play was "The World and I," and was fully suited to the vast and historic powers of those taking part. To the Thalian Club, and the audience, and to this lady the highest encomiums, for she not only understood the part she acted, but acted it in a most excellent manner, and evinced by a Winter if one was to be judged by the beautiful face and the form, enhanced by the beautiful costume, that she was a most excellent actress. The Thalian Club, and the audience, and to this lady the highest encomiums, for she not only understood the part she acted, but acted it in a most excellent manner, and evinced by a Winter if one was to be judged by the beautiful face and the form, enhanced by the beautiful costume, that she was a most excellent actress.

A New York Lad's Towering Ambition.

A New York merchant of philanthropic disposition happened to be present at a day or two ago when a friend was presenting a collection of "dry goods" by the errand boy of a prominent liquor-seller. The lad was an unusually deep-looking young fellow, with rosy cheeks and an honest countenance. The merchant took an interest in him.

"Here, young man," said he, "you appear to be a capable young fellow, wouldn't you get something better to do than to grow up in the liquor business? Wouldn't you get something else?"

"Yes, sir," replied the youth, "I would like to be a lawyer."

"What would you like to be a lawyer?"

"I would like to be a lawyer," replied the youth, "I would like to be a lawyer."

"Oh, yes, I shall," said he, "I shall be a lawyer."

"Good, young man, a very valuable ambition. But what kind of a lawyer do you think you would like to be? Would you prefer to act in comedy or tragedy?"

"Oh, sir, if I could only be a tragedian!"

Festival at the Congressional Church.

The Sunday-school entertainment of this church was a most enjoyable affair last evening. The lecture room was filled to overflowing by the scholars and their friends. The programme was musical and literary and delighted the audience. Refreshments were served, and altogether the occasion was a most happy one.

ALL NORTH.

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THE WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE COMPANY.

A Reply to and Refutation of the Charges Made Against Them—Operations of the Company.

Editor National Republican:

We desire, by your kind permission, to counteract, through the columns of your paper, statements made in an article which appeared in THE REPUBLICAN on Christmas Day, taken from the Philadelphia Times, denouncing the Real Estate Loan and Trust Company of this city.

The entire reference to this company was a misrepresentation. The said company was properly organized April 22, 1876, and its certificate of incorporation and amendments appear, according to law, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, recorded in the Acts of Incorporation of Deeds, provided of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia, sections 553 to 557.

The business of the company, as stated in its charter, is, first, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; second, to furnish an improved form of real estate notes and bonds for use of the public; third, to effect loans upon real estate located in this District, and, when found good, to certify the same; fourth, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; fifth, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; sixth, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; seventh, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; eighth, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; ninth, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; tenth, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; eleventh, to examine titles to real estate, and, when found good, to certify the same; 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